



**Natural Resources Conservation Service
Oregon Department of Forestry**

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Deadline for Landowner Assistance Applications Approaching

Landowners with property in the East Face Project area have until May 16, 2014 to submit final applications to the Natural Resources Conservation Service for monies to help with improve forest health through hazard fuels reduction work on private lands.

The East Face Project is a multi-agency collaborative restoration project, located within the Grande Ronde and Powder River watersheds. In Baker County, the project area is the face of the Elkhorns north of Pine Creek to the Anthony Lakes Highway. In Union County, the project generally covers the Pilcher Reservoir, Wolf Creek Reservoir, Ladd Canyon and Morgan Lake areas. The objectives of this project are to reduce fuels, enhance wildlife habitat, protect the watersheds and create fire adapted communities.

The project area contains high to very high wildfire potential on both public and private land. The goal of this funding is to provide financial and technical assistance to private landowners to conduct hazard fuel reduction and forest health improvement activities.

Hazard fuels reduction is focused on thinning of over-stocked stands and the reduction of forest fuels. These projects will consider and provide for improved wildlife habitat in addition to providing for improved forest health.

Landowners that are interested in this funding opportunity should contact their local Oregon Department of Forestry or NRCS representative:

ODF Baker County: Jana Peterson (541)523-5831 ext. 24

ODF Union County: Jamie Knight (541)963-0195

NRCS Baker County: Parker Ussery (541)523-7121

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